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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN POSITIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS

REF: ISLAMABAD 2030

1. DEPT WISHES TO CLARIFY ONE POINT MADE IN PARA 2 OF
REFTEL. CHAUDHARY WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT PAKISTAN'S
POSITION NOW SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT OF U.S.
AND THEY AGREE THAT QUESTION OF AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED IN SEPARATE FORUM. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
TO GOP THAT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT U.S. POSITION. OVERFLIGHT
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OF STRAITS AND OF HIGH SEAS IS INTEGRAL PART OF LOS

NEGOTIATIONS AND CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM QUESTION OF
FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION.

2. OVERFLIGHT IS ISSUE IN CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF PROSPECTIVE
EXPANSION OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTIONS BEYOND PRESENT
3-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA TO
12 MILES COULD AFFECT RIGHT OF OVERFLIGHT ABOVE MANY
INTERNATIONAL STRAITS NOW CONTAINING HIGH SEAS CORRIDORS.
SECONDLY, WE MUST ENSURE THAT FULL NAVIGATIONAL FREEDOMS
ARE RETAINED WITHIN AREA OF PROPOSED 200-MILE ECONOMIC
ZONE. THIS MEANS FREEDOM FOR SHIPS, SUBMARINES, AND

AIRCRAFT, BOTH MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL.

3. IN FACT, THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS
THAT THERE WILL BE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION WITHIN ECONOMIC
ZONE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SERIOUS EFFORT TO DEAL WITH
THIS QUESTION IN ANOTHER FORUM. OVERFLIGHT OF STRAITS
IS MORE CONTENTIOUS AND WE MUST ENSURE THAT IT IS IN AN
LOS TREATY, IF WE ARE TO SIGN.

4. PLEASE MAKE ABOVE POINTS CLEAR SO THAT PAKDEL IS
UNDER NO MISCONCEPTION REGARDING U.S. VIEWS ON THIS
MATTER. INGERSOLL

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